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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- PRESENTLY BEIJING WILL BE SPOKING TO US DIAZ WITH A PROPOSED NEW CHINA POLICY NEXT WEEK THAT WOULD COMMIT WASHINGTON TO READING OR EVEN TERMINATING SOME SALES TO TAIWAN, AN OPPONENT OF THE PROPOSED POLICY SAYS THURSDAY.

REPUBLICANS, ESPECIALLY CONSERVATIVE REPUBLICANS, SEE THE PROPOSALS AS VIOLATING THE TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT AND SAY IT COULD BREAK UP THE CONSTITUENCY THAT HELPED REAGAN GET ELECTED IN 1980, THE AGENT HAVING THE REPORT SAID.

BUT AN OSIA AGENT WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO APPROVE IT ON PREDICTION THAT IF WASHINGTON DOESN'T TAKE STEPS TO CURTAIL SOME SALES, BEIJING WILL ENHANCE RELATIONS ENOUGH THAT CLOUDS MUST DISAPPEAR WITH DEMOCRATS WHO HAVE FADED FAIRLY CLOSE RELATIONS WITH BEIJING.

THE INFORMATION WAS VOLUNTEERED TO A REPORTER BY GREGORY JASMIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR FREE ASIA, WHICH FAVORS MAINTAINING CLOSE U.S. TIES TO TAIWAN. JASMIN SAID HE OBTAINED THE INFORMATION FROM A RELIABLE SOURCE IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS ARE LEFT THEM RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LOGIC, BUT REPORTS THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT WAS RECEIVING A MESSAGE FROM CHINESE COMMUNISTS HAVE BEEN CIRCULATING FOR SOME TIME.

AS JASMIN DESCRIBED THEM, THE MASTERS OF PROPOSALS THAT WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

--DECLARING THERE IS NO U.S. POLICY FOR LONG-TERM ARMS SALES TO TAIWAN,

--AGREEING TO A CEILING ON FUTURE ARMS SALES,

--GRADUALLY READING ARMS SALES.

JASMIN SAID THE PRESIDENT ALSO WILL ORDER BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO DECIDE WHETHER TO ADD TO THE PREVIOUS COMMITMENT TO END ARMS SALES EVENTUALLY, THIS WOULD BE IMPOSITIONAL.

JASMIN SAID HIS GROUP OPPOSES THE PROPOSAL WITH OR WITHOUT THE OPTION FOR A COMMITMENT TO TERMINATE ARMS SALES. EITHER WAY, HE SAID, IT WOULD VIOLATE THE 1979 TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT UNDER WHICH THE UNITED STATES OBLIGATED ITSELF TO PROVIDE TAIWAN WITH ARMS TO MAINTAIN A SUFFICIENT SELF-DEFENSE CAPABILITY. JASMIN'S NUMBER IS 202-222-47464-19212002007.